

WINTER
BLUES

MARVEL 1

IRON
MAN

DOCTOR
DOOM



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**KING
IN
BLACK**

KNULL, THE PRIMORDIAL AND MALICIOUS GOD OF THE SYMBIOTES, HAS BEEN FREED FROM HIS PRISON AT THE EDGE OF THE GALAXY.

OLDER THAN MEMORY AND IMPRISONED FOR MILLENNIA, THE GODKING OF THE ABYSS HAS LED A HORDE OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF SYMBIOTE DRAGONS ACROSS THE COSMOS, WITH A TRAIL OF DESTRUCTION AND DEATH IN THEIR WAKE.

NOW, THEY HAVE ARRIVED ON EARTH -- THE GALAXY'S FINAL LINE OF DEFENSE AGAINST THE KING IN BLACK.

**IRON
MAN**

**DOCTOR
DOOM**

GENIUS INDUSTRIALIST TONY STARK PROTECTS HUMANITY AS THE ARMORED AVENGER IRON MAN.

DOCTOR VICTOR VON DOOM HAS LONG USED HIS TALENTS FOR SORCERY AND TECHNOLOGY FOR BOTH GREAT GOOD AND GREAT EVIL.

RECENTLY, A DARKNESS BEGAN TO STIR IN THE SYMBIOTIC ANTIHERO CALLED VENOM -- SOMETHING ANCIENT, PRIMORDIAL AND FULL OF MALICE, REACHING OUT FROM THE CREATURE'S HOMEWORLD: KNULL, THE CREATOR AND GOD OF THE SYMBIOTES.

VENOM'S NIGHTMARES HAVE BEEN MADE MANIFEST, AS THE LORD OF THE ABYSS, THE BEGINNING AND END OF THE SYMBIOTES, THE KING IN BLACK, HAS ARRIVED ON EARTH.

IN THE MIDST OF BATTLING KNULL'S DRAGONS, IRON MAN CREATED A NEW VERSION OF HIS EXTREMIS ARMOR THAT COMBINES HIS TECH WITH A SYMBIOTE, THOUGH SEEMINGLY AT THE COST OF EDDIE BROCK'S LIFE.

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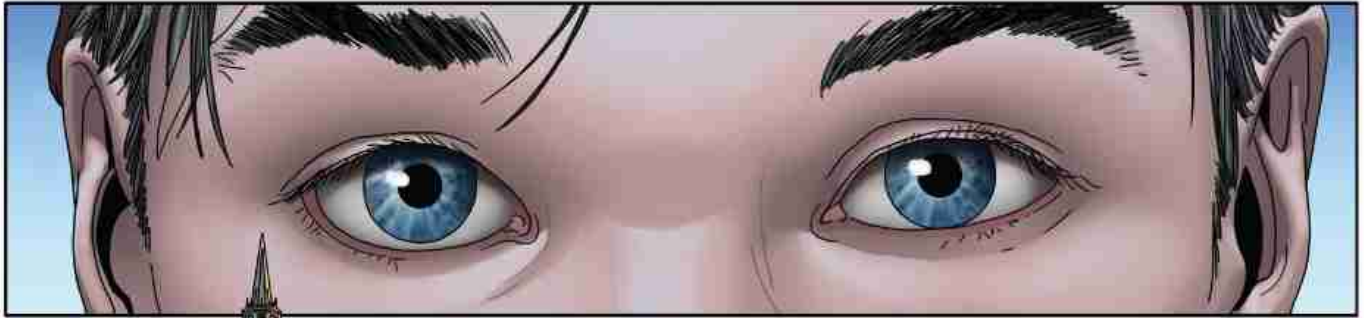
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IT'LL ALL TURN COLD AND GRAY.

NOW.

MAYBE OL' HOWARD WAS RIGHT IN WAYS HE DIDN'T REALIZE.

AND NOW
EDDIE BROCK
IS COLD AND GRAY TOO.

BECAUSE
I **KILLED**
HIM.

I ALMOST KILLED
MYSELF GETTING
THAT SMALL SLIVER
OF SYMBIOTE THAT
I THOUGHT WOULD
FIX EVERYTHING.

BUT NOW
EDDIE'S DEAD
INSTEAD OF ME.

AND IT'S
MY FAULT.

WHAT
ELSE IS
NEW?





THE JOHNSON
& BERNSTEIN
BUILDING'S STILL
HERE THOUGH.



I SOLD IT AT
13. MADE A
SIX MILLION
DOLLAR
PROFIT.

'PROUD OF
YOU, SON,'
OL' HOWARD
HAD SAID.



NOW, IF I'D
GOTTEN A LOOK
AT **IRON MAN**
AS A KID...**THAT**
WOULD'VE BEEN
MAGIC.



BUT IT SEEMS
MY HEROIC EFFORTS
THESE DAYS END UP
BEING QUITE THE
OPPOSITE.

JUST
ASK **EDDIE
BROCK.**



WOULD
YOU MOURN
ME AS YOU
MOURN
HIM?

A MAN
WHOM IN
THE EYES OF
MANY IS A
VILLAIN?



DEPENDS.
DID I KILL
YOU?

THAT
IS OUT
OF THE
REALM OF
POSSIBILITY,
BUT FOR THE
SAKE OF MY
CURIOSITY,
LET'S SAY
YES.

WAS
I TRYING
TO **SAVE**
YOU?



ISN'T
THAT WHAT SO
MANY OF YOU
CONSTANTLY
WASTE YOUR TIME
DOING? TRYING
TO **SAVE**
ME?



YOU'RE
RIGHT. MAYBE
IT'S TIME WE
ALL GAVE UP
ON THAT.



YOU'VE NEVER MUCH
BEEN ONE TO GIVE
UP, HOWEVER. CALL IT
HARDHEADEDNESS.
OR **STUPIDITY--**

WHAT IS
THAT?



...NO...THAT'S...
IMPOSSIBLE...



IS THAT--

NO...OF COURSE NOT.

IT'S...IT'S DECEMBER... RIGHT? I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER...



DO YOU SEE IT?

STARK, THIS IS ABSURD. IT'S NOT EVEN CHRISTMAS EVE--

VICTOR, I'M LOOKING RIGHT AT IT.



THAT'S... IT IS...IT ABSOLUTELY IS...

THE SPIRITS OF YULE ARE PETTY GERMANIC FOLKLORE--

NO... NO. IT'S HIM.



"IT'S SANTA.

"I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. SANTA IS REAL."



WAIT...

SLAY BELLS STING...
IT IN PERDITION...



OR HE
WAS
REAL...



OH MY GOD. THEY KNULLIFIED SANTA.



IT CANNOT BE YOUR HALLOWED GIFT GIVER. 'TIS MERELY SOME **SOULLESS** PERVERSION OF THE CHIMNEY'D ONE.

WE HAVE TO STOP HIM BEFORE HE HURTS SOMEONE--



STARK--

VICTOR, KNULL'S GOT HIS OWN VERSION OF **FATHER CHRISTMAS**. THE LAST THING I WANT IS HIM DELIVERING **SYMBIOTE** PRESENTS TO INNOCENT KIDS!



CAP, KAMALA, GRIMM, SUMMERS... GUESS THAT WASN'T ENOUGH FOR THAT BLACK HOLE BUCKET OF TRASH KNULL.



HE'S GOTTA RUIN THE HOLIDAYS TOO.

IT SEEMS NO CORNER OF LIFE IS SAFE.



I MUST SAY
I FIND THIS QUITE
DICKENSIAN--

WATCH THE
REINDEER!



WHICH ONES WERE
THOSE? DASHER
AND DANCER...?

IN LATVERIA, THE HOLIDAY
LEGENDS TELL OF A SINGING GHOST
MADE OF OX HAIR... HE BRINGS PIG IRON
TO ORPHANS AND STRIKES DOWN FOOLS
WITH A DREAM SCYTHE FORGED IN THE
HELLISH SCREAMS OF THE DEAD--



VIOLENT
NIGHT, NO
MOONLIGHT...



ALL
IS KNOLL,
ALL IS
BLIGHT.

KAPLAOOOWWWW SFFCETH



ARGH, HIS VOICE IS LIKE...
A DEAFENING SHORTWAVE
RADIO...BEING SHREDDED
BY A COMBINE...



INCREDIBLE.
FIRST I KILLED
EDDIE BROCK
AND NOW I'M
GONNA KILL
SANTA.

EDWARD
BROCK WAS **WEAK**.
HE WAS IN MANY
WAYS AN **ADDICT**,
A SLAVE TO
SYMBIOSIS.



A LOT OF TERRIBLE THINGS
WOULD'VE HAPPENED IN
THIS WORLD WITHOUT HIM
IN IT. AND NOW THAT HE'S
GONE...IT MIGHT **END**.

HE
IS A **VICTIM**.
TO PITY VICTIMS
IS TO **FURTHER**
DISGRACE
THEM.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING
HERE? BECAUSE IF YOU'RE
OFFERING A SHOULDER
TO CRY ON, I DON'T
NEED IT.

I'M HERE
TO TELL YOU
EDWARD WAS
WORTH THE
SACRIFICE.

WHY? KNULL IS
STILL OUT THERE.
EDDIE MIGHT'VE
BEEN OUR **ONLY**
HOPE.

HIS
DEATH
GAVE US
YOU.

WHAT?



JINGLE
KILLLL

OH, RIGHT.
OUR WAR ON
CHRISTMAS.





YOU SEE? YOUR **ARMOR!**
A **SPLENDID** SYNTHESIS OF
YOUR **TECHNO-ORGANIC**
EXTREMIS SYSTEM--
IMPERFECT AND HONESTLY
UNDERWHELMING
ON ITS OWN--COMBINED
WITH THE **LIMITLESS**
VOID POWER OF
KNULL'S **SYMBIOTE**
REALM--



VICTOR, I'M
GOOD ON **COLOR**
COMMENTARY...



QUICK, GRAB
HIM BEFORE THIS
TURNS INTO
SANTACIDE...



BEEYEEAH



UH. OKAY.
WELL.

IT WAS AN
ACCIDENT. YOU
SAW THAT,
RIGHT?



THE
MATERIAL OF
THE SUIT...IT'S
RETURNING
TO ME...

OF COURSE
IT IS, THAT IS ITS
BRILLIANCE.

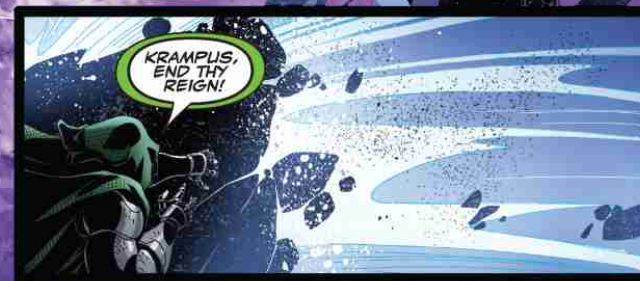


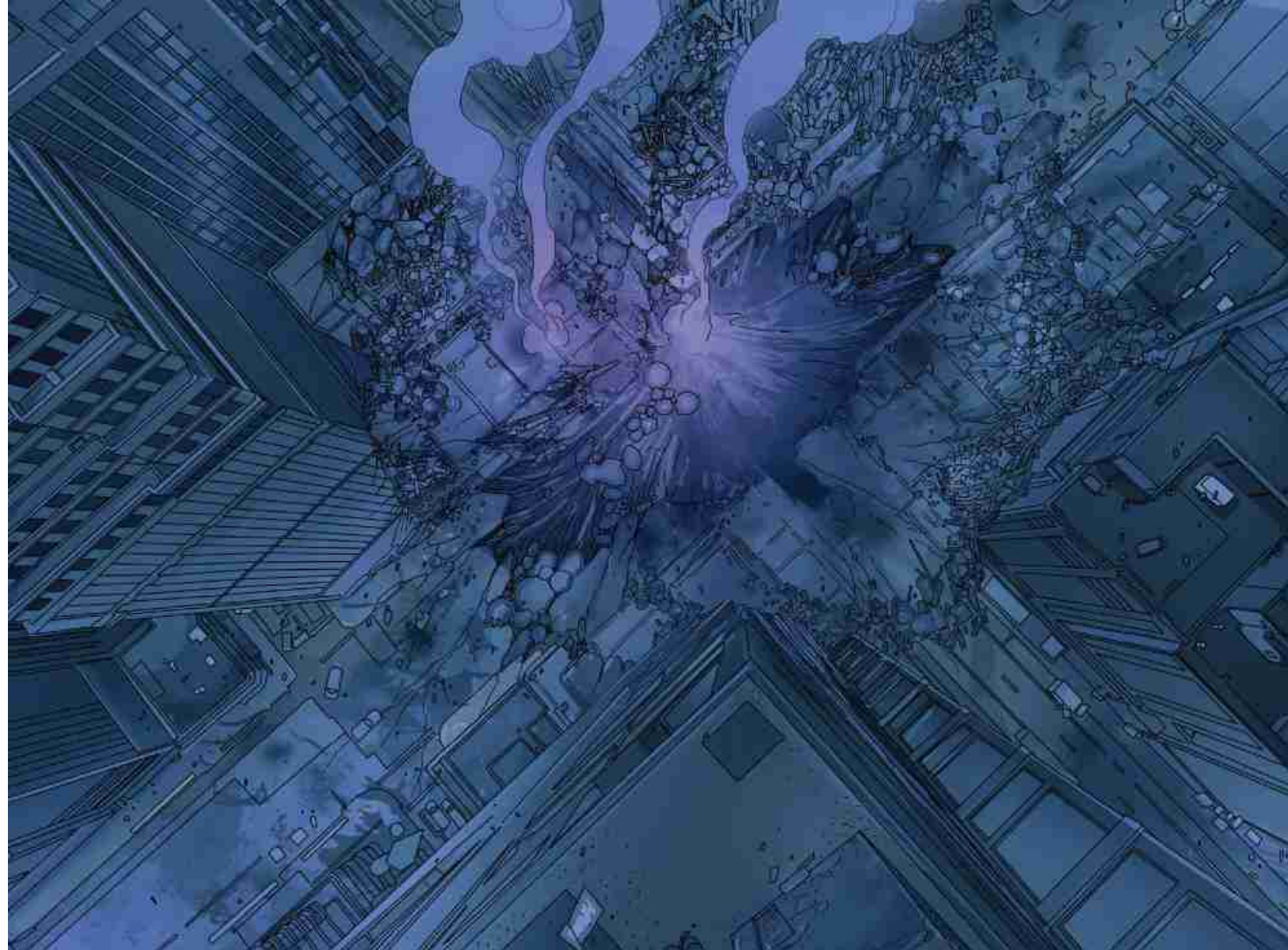
THAT WAS
EXTRAORDINARILY
PROFANE.





WEEEEOOOOAAAAAKKOOOTTAATAAAFF





WHAT
HAPPENED...?

YOU HAVE
ERADICATED
NICHOLAS, THE
JOLLIEST OF
MEN...

I...I
KILLED SANTA...
THIS DAY JUST
KEEPS GETTING
BETTER...

WAIT.
PERHAPS
IT ISN'T SO.
LOOK.





HEY...
YOU'RE
GONNA BE
ALL RIGHT...
CAN YOU
HEAR
ME?

HIS
WRETCHED
INFECTION SEEMS
TO HAVE
ABATED.



TONY...
ALWAYS
SUCH A
GOOD
BOY...



AND
VICTOR...
ONE OF THE
NAUGHTIEST
TO HAVE EVER
LIVED...



YOU ARE THE
RIGHTFUL RULER OF
THE NORTH POLE?

WELL, WE HAVE SLAUGHTERED
YOUR ANTLERED AVIAN HERD.
YOU MUST PROCURE A NEW
METHOD OF TRANSPORT.

I'LL...I'LL
FIND MY WAY
HOME...



ACCORDING TO
HIS LICENSE,
HIS NAME IS
MIKE DUNWOODY.
B.O.S.S., SCAN
THIS I.D. THROUGH
DATABASES,
PLEASE.

{NAME: MICHAEL.
DUNWOODY.} {RESIDENT-
PARAMUS, NEW JERSEY.}
{OWNER--SNOW GLOBE
HOLIDAY DECORATION
SUPPLY.} {CALL
1-800--}

OKAY, GOT
IT, THANKS.



YOU WERE ABLE TO
REVERSE THE EFFECTS
OF THE VOID'S
ASSIMILATION.

SURE, ON MIKE
DUNWOODY
FROM
PARAMUS. BUT
EVEN LIKE THIS,
I'M NO MATCH
FOR KNULL.

I AGREE.
BUT THE UNIQUE
AMALGAMATION YOU
WEAR COULD BE...
EXTRAPOLATED...
TO SOMETHING THAT
COULD BE.



YOU MEAN
YOU? AHA, SO
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE
HERE. YOU WANT
THE ARMOR.
NO CHANCE.



DO NOT
DISMISS MY
VIABILITY OUT
OF HAND--



BUT NOW
YOU'VE GOT ME
THINKING...



WELL...AT
LEAST THAT IS
OF BENEFIT. YOUR
INTELLECT IS...
HIGHER THAN
AVERAGE.

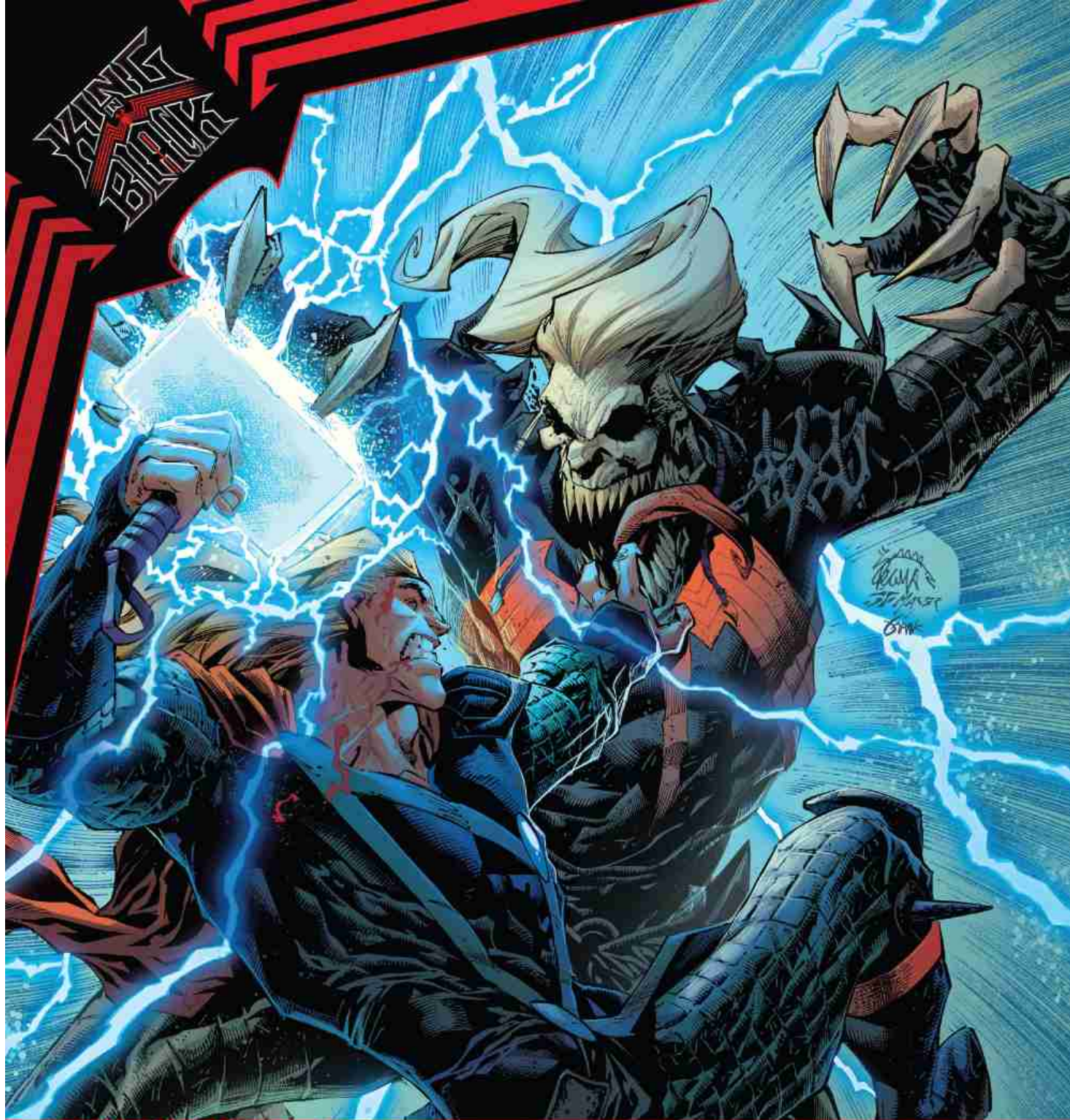


DON'T LET
GO OF ALL THE
MAGIC IN
THE WORLD,
VICTOR.



COULD
CLAUS BE A
SORCERER
SUPREME...?

END.



CHECKLIST

☒ **KING IN BLACK #1**

THE BEGINNING OF THE END!

☒ **ATLANTIS ATTACKS #5**

THE AGENTS OF ATLAS THINK THEY'RE PREPARED FOR ANY THREAT, BUT NOTHING COULD PREPARE THEM FOR WHAT'S COMING!

☒ **THE UNION #1**

AS KNULL'S FORCES UNLEASH FURY AROUND THE WORLD, WILL ONE HERO IN THE UNITED KINGDOM PAY THE ULTIMATE PRICE?

☒ **VENOM #31**

1,454 FEET... A LONG WAY DOWN.

☒ **KING IN BLACK: IMMORTAL HULK #1**

KNULL'S ARRIVED DURING THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR. TOO BAD THE HULK ISN'T PREPARED FOR EITHER!

☒ **KING IN BLACK: NAMOR #1**

PAST AND PRESENT COLLIDE IN THE UNDERSEA KINGDOM OF ATLANTIS!

☒ **BLACK CAT #1**

THE CAT IN BLACK TAKES ON THE KING IN BLACK, STAGING THE MOST DARING HEIST OF HER CAREER!

☒ **SYMBIOTE SPIDER-MAN:**

KING IN BLACK #2

SPIDER-MAN TRAVELS THE GALAXY WITH A TALKING RACCOON FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME!

☒ **KING IN BLACK #2**

☒ **SPIDER-WOMAN #7**

TRAPPED ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE MILKY WAY, JESSICA DREW FINDS HERSELF CAUGHT IN KNULL'S DESTRUCTIVE WAKE!

☒ **KING IN BLACK: IRON MAN/DOCTOR DOOM #1**

THE MEN CLAD IN METAL FACE OFF AGAINST A HOLLY JOLLY HORROR!

☐ **KING IN BLACK: NAMOR #2**

MORE SECRETS FROM NAMOR'S PAST STAND REVEALED AFTER THE REVELATIONS OF *KING IN BLACK #2*!

**WINTER
BREAK**

**NEXT:
IRON MAN #5**



